

AUSTIN, November 25, 1850.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Crump, Hardeman of Travis, Reynolds, Russell and Winfield.

Journal of Saturday read and adopted.

Mr. Russell asked leave of the House to record his vote upon the question to amend the journal of Monday, the 18th inst., which was granted.

Mr. Cochran submitted the petition of the citizens of Tarrant county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the location of a county seat for said county; referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Mr. Shepard submitted the petition of Jacob Long, praying authority to construct bridges over certain water courses; referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Bryan submitted the petition of the heirs of Mrs. Sarah L. Scoville, praying the annulment of a grant of land to John A. Wagner, and the issuance in lieu thereof a certificate to said heirs for one fourth league; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bryan submitted the petition of Edward Hall, praying that the informal assignment of bounty land certificate, No. 580, for 640 acres of land be confirmed; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bryan submitted the petition of Edward Hall, praying the informal assignment of headright certificate, No. 3, class 2, for 640 acres, be confirmed; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Bryan submitted the petition of Edward Hall, praying that the informal assignment of bounty land warrant, No. 1246, for 960 acres land, be confirmed; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Jowers presented sundry petitions, praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Smith, chairman of the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill regulating the pay of certain volunteers who served in the year 1842, in the expedition of General Burleson, and those who served under Col. Clark L. Owen; reported the bill back to the House, and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bryan, chairman of the committee on Education, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Executive

Board of Managers of the Female Institute of Marshall, Harrison county, to confer degrees, etc. ; reported the bill back to the House with amendments, and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Burney, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to Simon and John Smith, reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Report and bill laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Charlton, chairman of the committee on County Boundaries, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Leon, Grimes and Walker counties, praying the organization of a new county ; reported the same back to the House without action thereon, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report laid on the table to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Lott, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the joint resolution for the relief of John C. Walling ; reported the same back to the House without amendment, and recommended its passage.

Report and resolution laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Patrick, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Tierwester ; reported the same back to the House without action, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration.

Report laid on the table, to come up among the orders of the day.

Mr. Jowers, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report, which was accepted :

COMMITTEE ROOM, Austin, Nov. 25, 1850.

Hon. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Engrossed Bills, have examined an act to amend the second and seventh sections of an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, approved 12th May, 1846 ; also, an act to amend the 1st Section of an act entitled an act to incorporate Galveston and Brazos Navigation company ; also, an act appropriating ten thousand dollars, or as much thereof, as may be necessary for the payment of the mileage and per diem pay of the members of the second extra session

of the third Legislature; also, an act to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents for lands therein named, and find the same correctly engrossed.

A message was received from the Senate, through their Secretary, Mr. Raymond, informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time of holding the District Courts in the 11th judicial district; a bill to be entitled an act better to regulate the election of Judges of the Supreme Court; also, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John Beeman, John S. Beeman and James J. Beeman—originating in the Senate.

Mr. Burney, chairman on the part of the House, of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report, which was received:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 25, 1850.

HON. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined a bill to be entitled an act accepting the propositions made by the United States to the State of Texas, in an act of the Congress of the United States, approved the ninth day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and entitled an act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her North-western boundary, the relinquishment by the said State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundary, and of all her claims upon the United States, and to establish a Territorial government for New Mexico; and find the same correctly enrolled.

Mr. Fields introduced a bill to be entitled an act, to amend an act to incorporate the Galveston Steam Ferry, Freight and Tow Boat Company; read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, bill read third time, and passed by a constitutional majority—yeas 36—Nays 5.

Mr. Franklin, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Anahuac Canaling and Railroad Company; read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Bryan introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Commercial, Navigation and Transportation Company; read first time.

Mr. Bryan introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lavaca Turnpike and Plank Road Company; read first time.

Mr. Polk introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to is-

sue a patent to William Shipp of Sabine county, for one league of land; read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Fields introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Governor to dispatch a Special Messenger to Washington city, with a copy of the act passed at the present session, accepting the propositions made by the United States to the State of Texas, for the purchase of a portion of her North western territory; read first time.

Mr. Bryan introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That Professor Mortimer has permission to deliver in the Hall of the House of Representatives on to-morrow evening, the 26th inst., a lecture on Education.

On motion of Mr. McKinney, the Speaker was authorized to make such disposition of the Hall of the House of Representatives, as in his judgment he might think proper.

Mr. Burney introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Waco Male and Female Academy, in the county of McLennan; read first time.

Mr. Sterne submitted the petitions of William S. Musicks and Eli M. Thomason, praying for relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Franklin, the House proceeded to take up the business on the Speaker's table, and to the

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the second and seventh sections of an act entitled an act, to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Texas, etc.; read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Berry Merchant, was taken up read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Runnels, a bill for the relief of the heirs of Wm. Donoho, deceased, and L. D. Henderson, was taken up and read second time.

Mr. Taylor of Cass proposed the following amendment: after the words "Donoho, deceased," insert "and a certificate to Charles Ames, for eleven hundred and fifty six acres of land;" adopted.

On motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Franklin, a bill to be entitled an act concerning the book or register of land certificates, issued by the board of land commissioners for the county of Harris, which book was at one time mislaid, but has subsequently been found and identified as genuine and unaltered; was taken up and read second time; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Patrick, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Stokely D. Choate, was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion, a bill for the relief of Peter Lopez was taken up; read second time.

Mr. Scott proposed the following amendment: insert in the caption the words "and Henry Tierwester;" carried.

Additional Section.—Section 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be also required to issued a certificate for two-thirds of a league and labor to Henry Tierwester; adopted.

Mr. Russell moved to amend by striking out the word "assignee;" carried.

On motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A message was received from the Senate, informing the House that the Senate had appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Portis, Wallace and Burleson, to act in conjunction with a like committee on the part of the House, on a resolution requiring the Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress, to receive the bonds from the United States to be issued to the State of Texas; and also, that the Senate had passed a resolution to adjourn *sine die*, on Monday the second day of December ensuing.

Mr. Fields in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the settlers in Peters' Colony to intervene in suit or suits in reference to any matter connected with said Colony contracts where they have an interest, was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended; bill read third time; the yeas and nays being called for on its final passage stood as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Bogart, Bryan, Burney, Charlton, Clements, Cochran, Crump, Fields, Gillet, Hardeman of Nacogdoches, Hendricks, Holland, Hunt, Johnson, Jowers, Lloyd, Lott, Runnels, Selman, Shepard, Smith of Red River, Smith of Shelby, Speights, Stapp, Sterne, Tarrant, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Harrison, Wigfall, Williams, and Wren—31.

Nays: Messrs. Dickson, Hardeman of Travis, McKinney, Patrick, Reynolds, Russell, Scott, and Shaw—8.

So the bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Owen, a bill to be entitled an act, regulating the pay of certain Volunteers who served in 1842, was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended; bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Reuben R. Brown, was taken up and read second time; rule suspended; bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Burney, chairman on the part of the House of the joint committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 25th, 1850.

Hon. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee on Enrolled bills have this day transmitted to his Excellency the Governor of the State of Texas for his approval, a bill to be entitled an act accepting the propositions made by the United States to the State of Texas in an act of the Congress of the United States, approved the ninth day of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and entitled an act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her Northern and Western boundary, the relinquishment by the said State of all territory claimed by her exterior to said boundaries and of all her claims upon the United States, and to establish a Territorial Government for New Mexico.

On motion of Mr. Wren, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Samuel T. Sheffield, was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the bill was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, a bill to be entitled an act to legalize a copy of the records in the office of the County Surveyor of the County of Washington was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule suspended; bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Tarrant introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Thomas J. Jordan, read first time; rule suspended, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended; bill read third time and passed.

The committee on Engrossed bills, Mr. Jowers chairman, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 25, 1850.

Hon. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Engrossed bills have examined an act for

the relief of Lorenzo D. Henderson and the Heirs of William Donoho deceased, and Charles Ames, and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. Tarrant introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Alexander McCulloch; read first time; rule suspended; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Jowers the House adjourned until three o'clock p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Polk, the bill to incorporate Rising Star Chapter, Number Nine, in the county of San Augustine (Senate's bill) was taken up; read first time, rule suspended, read second time; rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of certain persons therein named, was taken up and read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Scott, rule was suspended and bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wren the joint resolution for the relief of Robert Shaw, assignee of William Morrow—Senate bill—was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Wren, rule suspended, bill read second time, and referred to a Select committee consisting of Messrs. Franklin, Burney and Wren.

A message was received from the Senate, through Mr. Raymond, their Secretary, informing the House that the Senate had passed a bill from the House, to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a certificate to William Shipp, of Sabine county, for one league of land, also, that the Senate had passed a bill amendatory of an act to create the county of Freestone.

Mr. Wigfall, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act granting one league and labor of land to Brevet-Major William S. Henry of the United States army; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Wigfall, the rule was suspended and bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Franklin, the vote just taken to engross the above bill, was reconsidered.

Mr. Franklin then offered the following amendments to the bill:

Strike out in 1st section, 7th line from top, the words "except the surveying fees."

After the word "issued" in 3d line, 2d section, insert "and located under the direction of the Governor of the State of Texas, for the benefit of the said William S. Henry, or his heirs; and the Governor is authorized to issue his order to the Treasurer of the State, for the payment of the expenses of the location;" adopted.

On motion, the bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Wigfall, the rule was further suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Jowers, chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

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HON. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The committee on Engrossed bills have examined an act to authorize the settlers in Peters' Colony to intervene in suit or suits in reference to any matter connected with said Colony contracts, where they have an interest, correctly engrossed—also an act for the relief of Berry Merchant, and find the same correctly engrossed.

Mr. Burney, chairman on the part of the House of the joint committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 25, 1850.

HON. C. G. KEENAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

The joint committee on Enrolled bills have examined a bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of the county Surveyors of the county of Cass and find the same correctly enrolled, and having been signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, was this day transmitted to His Excellency the Governor of the State of Texas for his approval.

Mr. Wigfall introduced a joint resolution, expressing the sense of the Legislature of Texas, in respect to Brevet Major William S. Henry, of the United States army, and of the course pursued by him towards the Commissioner appointed by the State to organize certain counties on the Rio Grande.

Read first time; rule suspended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Franklin, the joint resolutions were laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Mr. Wigfall, the joint resolutions were taken up

and referred to a Select committee, consisting of Messrs. Wigfall, Franklin, and Crump.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, a bill to be entitled an act better to regulate the election of Judges of the Supreme Court, —Senate's bill—was taken up and read first time; rule suspended, read second time and, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to a Select committee, consisting of Messrs. Scott, Runnels, Shaw, Owen and Williams.

On motion of Mr. Charlton, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Benjamin Burke, Senate's bill—was taken up and read first time.

Mr. Scott, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to employ counsel in the Supreme Court of the State in cases where the present Attorney General has been employed; read first time; rule suspended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed; rule further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Patrick, a bill to be entitled an act to repeal a portion of an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, under certain restrictions, approved February 5, 1850, was taken up, read second time and referred to a Select committee, consisting of Messrs. Patrick, Stapp and Jowers.

Mr. Wigfall moved that the House adjourn until nine o'clock to-morrow morning; lost.

On motion of Mr. Clements, a bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act to secure to the German Emigration Company, the lands to which they are entitled, originating in the Senate was taken up and read first time; rule suspended, bill read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Tarrant, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

AUSTIN, November 26, 1850.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Bryan, Gillet, Russell, Stapp, Wigfall and Winfield.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.